



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Head Teacher: Mrs P Northcott  
Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs K Hall  
Assistant Head Teacher: Mr W Haynes  
Chair of Governors: Mr J Davison

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Cleaner Vacancy**

Following the resignation of the current post holder school is seeking to recruit a cleaner. The post is 14 hours per week, whole time and afternoon only.

School Cleaner Required  
14hours per week (whole time)  
3:30pm - 6:20pm Monday - Thursday  
3:20pm - 6:00pm Friday

For further information and an application pack please contact Mrs Emmerson by email [deanbank@durhamlearning.net](mailto:deanbank@durhamlearning.net)

### **Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA)**

School were really pleased when we were awarded the Wellbeing Award last academic year and we have decided that this year we will work towards an award to celebrate and support the work our Teaching Assistants do. We have some excellent staff who do a great job with our children and over the last 2 years we have relied upon them in different ways and want to ensure we invest in them. This award involves ensuring they receive up to date and appropriate training, supporting the roles they currently carry out and developing their expertise in other areas of the school , for example curriculum support.

### **Attendance**

**ALL** absences must be reported to the school office on the first day of absence to notify us of the reasons for absences and the expected date of return, otherwise they may be recorded as unauthorised which could possibly lead to referrals to the Attendance Improvement Team.

Absences can be reported by contacting the school office on 01740 651512, emailing school on [deanbank@durhamlearning.net](mailto:deanbank@durhamlearning.net) or sending a message to Mrs Northcott on Class DOJO.  
Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in regular contact (ideally daily) with the school.

#### Day 1

Child absent from school, no reason for absence provided  
School office to call parents/carers  
If school is unable to contact parents/carers a class DOJO message will be sent.

#### Day 2

Child absent from school, no reason for absence provided  
School office to call parents/carers  
If school is unable to contact parents/carers a class DOJO message will be sent.  
If no response an email will be sent to parents/carers  
A home visit will be carried out by a member of staff

#### Return from unauthorised absence

Upon return to school from an unauthorised absence the school office will send home a notification for absence form requesting a reason for absence. If school does not receive a response within 2 days a member of staff will try to contact parents/carers to discuss the child's absence.

#### Continued Absence

All children's attendance will be monitored regularly, if your child's attendance falls below 95% you will begin to receive letters regarding this.

If your child's record shows 6 sessions of unauthorised absence you will be invited into school to meet with a member of staff to discuss any concerns.

If your child reaches 10 unauthorised sessions or school have further concerns regarding their attendance you will be invited to attend an Attendance Management Meeting where targets will be set. Following this meeting attendance will be closely monitored and reviewed. If your child's attendance does not improve a referral will be made to the Attendance Improvement Team which could lead to legal proceedings.

### Dinner Money Increase Reminder

The LEA are increasing the cost of a school meal from **4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**, the cost of a meal will be **£2.20** per day **£11.00** per week payable on Parent Pay.

### Parking

We have had several residents complaining that they are unable to get their vehicles out of the back street as parents are waiting in cars outside school or even standing in groups on the road itself. Please park away from school and walk to the bottom gate wherever possible to avoid his congestion.

### Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor, if you would be interested or would like more information please contact Mrs. Northcott.

<b>March 2022</b>	
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Shakespeare Week
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Word Mania Competition Week
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Shakespeare Performance (Bishop Auckland Town Hall)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Girls Netball Festival (FBEC)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Non-Uniform Day
<b>April 2022</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	KS2 Alternative Sports Festival (Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Fit for Life Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	EYFS Stay and Play
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School closes for the Easter Holidays
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School re-opens for the Summer Term
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Non-Uniform Day
<b>May 2022</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	School Closed for May Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 1/2 Active Ted Event (Hardwick Park)
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 – 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 3/4 OAA (Hardwick Park)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
<b>June 2022</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	KS1 Alternative Sports Festival (Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Sedgefield Dash
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 – 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Refugee Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Year 3/4 Cricket Skills Event (Tudhoe Cricket Club)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	World Record Skipping Event
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Primary Olympics (Sedgefield Community College)
<b>July 2022</b>	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	EYFS Parental Consultation
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 1-6 Parental Consultation
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	School closes for Summer Holidays