



Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports Day on Thursday 30th June 2022 and would like to invite parents and carers to join us.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 ~ 9:15am (On the main yard)

Years 1 and 2 ~ 1:15pm (On the main yard)

Reception ~ 10:00am (In the EYFS area)

Nursery ~ 2:00pm (In the EYFS area)

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. It is a really useful way to get to see how strategic decisions are made to deliver the best education possible for our children.

Cashless School

Can we just remind you that from September 2021 we became a cashless school and parents need to register on ParentPay. If you need support with this Mrs Gilyeat is an expert!
However, the Friends of Dean Bank do not have this facility so their fundraising is cash.

Staffing for September

It's always a relief as a Head Teacher when we get past the deadline for resignations at the end of May and I can see which staff are continuing to work alongside me.

Transition can be difficult for some pupils and it helps reassure them if they know which teacher they will be getting in September.

We have admitted over 40 children since September and now have nearly 210 pupils so I have made the decision to employ two teachers to teach in Year 5, our largest class with 34 pupils. I will split the children into two mixed ability groups for English and Maths and then they will come back together in an afternoon for foundation subjects. This means they will be in smaller groups for these subjects but back with friends, hopefully the best of both worlds.

We also have some Senior Leaders who are going to job share to ensure we keep their expertise in the class but they are released for management time to support other areas of development in the school.

EYFS ~ Mr Wood

Y1 ~ Miss Anderson (Returning from Maternity Leave)

Y2 ~ Miss Evans

Y3 ~ Mrs Hay & Miss Forster (beginning teacher training)

Y4 ~ Mrs Kirkwood

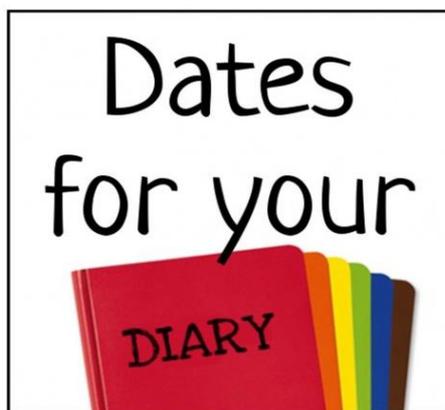
Y5C ~ Miss Carpenter

Y5N ~ Mrs Newton

Y6 ~ Mrs Hall & Mr Haynes

Coffee Morning

Mr. Murphy will be holding a Coffee Morning every Monday from 9:00am (via the main school office), this is an opportunity for you to come into school and have a coffee and a chat with other parents and Mr. Murphy. We look forward to seeing parents and carers back in school.



June 2022	
Monday 13 th June 2022	Year 5&6 visit to Beamish Open-Air Museum
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Bishop Auckland Dash
20 th June 2022 – 24 th June 2022	National Sports Week
20 th June 2022 – 24 th June 2022	Refugee Week
Wednesday 22 nd June 2022	Year 3/4 Cricket Skills Event (Tudhoe Cricket Club)
Friday 24 th June 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 24 th June 2022	World Record Skipping Event
Monday 27 th June 2022	Year 1 visit to Hamsterley Forest
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Primary Olympics (Sedgefield Community College)
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Sports Day
July 2022	
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Year 5 Taster Day – FBEC
Friday 8 th July 2022	Reports to Parents
Monday 11 th July 2022	Whole School Colour Run
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	EYFS Parental Consultation
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Year 1-6 Parental Consultation
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Year 6 Taster Day – FBEC
Friday 15 th July 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 15 th July 2022	Party at the Palace
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Whole School visit to Seaton Carew
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	School closes for Summer Holidays



Attendance Matters



Attendance and Safeguarding

If your child is absent from school it is your responsibility to contact the school office with a reason for their absence.

ALL absences must be reported to the school office on the first day of absence (by 9:30am) 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 or sending a message to **Mrs Northcott** on Class DOJO. Where absences persist beyond 1 day, please keep in daily contact with the school.

For the purpose of Attendance, a "Parent" is defined as:

- Any natural parent, whether married or not
- Any parent who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility as defined in the Children Act (1989) for a child or young person
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person

The Law

You need to make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. Because parents are responsible for this duty in law, you will be **breaking the law** if you do not do this and there are no good reasons for missing school.

Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that parents must ensure that children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education suitable to their age, ability and aptitude to any special educational needs they may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise. A child is of Compulsory School Age at the beginning of the term following their 5th birthday.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, as amended by 2016 regulations, require schools to take an attendance register twice a day, once at the start of the morning session and then again during the afternoon session.

The School and Local Authority **want to help you if you have a problem.**

If attendance does not get better or you do not accept help and support offered, the Council may issue you with a warning notice, Penalty Notice or ask you to attend an interview to ask you questions about whether you have broken the law.

Under the Education Act 1996, the Local Authority has a statutory responsibility to ensure that parents secure education for children of compulsory school age and where necessary, use legal enforcement.

If you go to court and are found guilty of an offence, you could be fined up to £1,000 for a less serious offence or up to £2,500 if the law breaking is more serious.

In very serious cases, the court may involve the probation service or consider up to 3 months in prison. Once you have a criminal record, this will have serious implications when you apply for a permanent or temporary job.