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Dear Parent / Carer

Well, we're back and into the swing of things.

We have reviewed our teaching and learning, behaviour and attendance policy as well as writing a new Teaching Assistant Induction policy. These will all be accessible from the website, which is again, being reviewed to ensure it is fit for purpose.

We have introduced a new award for Friday's assembly "Dean Bank Heart" children who have displayed behaviour or actions which show they are thoroughly embracing our school values will receive an engraved wooden heart with their name and date they received it and another heart will be displayed in the entrance hall.

Children have now got their new organisers, please encourage them to bring them to school every day with their reading books in their book bags, this supports reading but also means you can support them with organisation and preparedness for school.

The Government have introduced much more stringent rules around attendance and this is why we are reviewing our attendance policy. Parents and Carers need to contact the school office to report an absence as dojo messages sent to teachers can be missed until later in the day if teachers are teaching and not checking e-mails.

Coffee Mornings

Mr. Murphy will be holding a Coffee Morning every Monday from 9:15am (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.

Breakfast Club is still a drop in but teatime club needs to be booked. Please do the office to book children in for specific days or for all week. Please avoid ringing school during the day to arrange this, as staff do not have the capacity to organise this.

Just a reminder of teaching staff and their Year Groups.

Reception Will Wood
Y1 Jane Crute
Y2 Victoria Evans
Y3 Abi Forster / Katie Hay
Y4 Hannah Kirkwood
Y5C Lauren Carpenter
Y5N Ruth Newton
Y6 Kirsty Hall / Will Haynes

Parental Consultations

Our lunch time parents' meetings worked really well so we will be carrying this on this year. More details will follow as this will be after October half term.

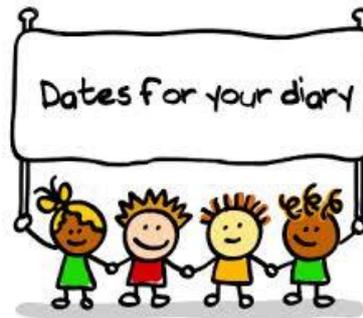
The School Age Immunisation Service will be visiting Dean Bank Primary School on 10th October 2022 to deliver the nasal spray flu vaccine.

Please ensure you have completed the online consent form for your child to receive this vaccine. Closing Date: Monday 26th September 2022. Your child will not receive this vaccine without a valid consent form.

Access the consent link here: <https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/>
 School code: **HD114086**

If you have any problems with completing the online consent, please contact the Immunisations Consent Team on 03000 032554 or the school office.

For more information on the flu nasal spray vaccine please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



September 2022	
Tuesday 13 th September 2022	Roald Dahl Day
Friday 30 th September 2022	Non-Uniform Day
October 2022	
Monday 10 th October 2022	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 18 th October 2022	Year 6 visit to Newcastle Central Mosque
Friday 21 st October 2022	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 21 st October 2022	School Closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 31 st October 2022	Children return to school
November 2022	
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Class 6 Parental Lunch / Consultation
Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Class 5C Parental Lunch / Consultation
Thursday 3 rd November 2022	Class 5N Parental Lunch / Consultation
Friday 4 th November 2022	Reception Parental Lunch / Consultation
Friday 4 th November 2022	Individual Photographs – H Tempest
Monday 7 th November 2022	Class 4 Parental Lunch / Consultation
Tuesday 8 th November 2022	Class 3 Parental Lunch / Consultation
Wednesday 9 th November 2022	Class 2 Parental Lunch / Consultation
Thursday 10 th November 2022	Class 1 Parental Lunch / Consultation
Friday 11 th November 2022	Remembrance Day
Friday 18 th November 2022	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November 2022	Class 3 Residential Visit
Tuesday 22 nd November 2022	Class 3 Residential Visit
Friday 25 th November 2022	Non-Uniform Day



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 **School Office** 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.