



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Thursday 15th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have all worked very hard this week completing assessments for their teachers. The data from these assessments will be added to Target Tracker—our new assessment tracker in school, which we will use from now on to track the progress of all pupils. You will be given information on this at the next Parents' Evening in March—I look forward to seeing you there!

I'd also like to remind you that I am holding my first coffee morning on **Friday 2nd March** down at the house. This will be an informal chat where we can discuss future school improvement initiatives. If you are not available on this date but would like to meet me personally, my door is always open and I am happy for you to make an appointment with the school office to speak with me.

I have had some really positive feedback so far regarding the weekly newsletters, please let us know if there is anything in particular you would like featuring in them; we really do take all feedback on board!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Redfearn to Dean Field. Mrs Redfearn will be teaching Australia class up until Easter, when Mrs Burke will take over the class permanently. In order to maintain stability, Australia class will be taught for the rest of year 5 and into year 6 by Mrs Burke who is a highly experienced year 6 teacher.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Tindal our Deputy Head who is leaving us to become the Assistant Head for EYFS at Warley Road School in Halifax. We wish her well in her new role.

Have a great half term—please stay safe.

Mrs F. Pether
Headteacher

Dean Field Community Primary School, Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DQ.



FAMILY OF LEARNING

Calderdale Adult Learning Service are holding various free sessions at the school house. Thursday 1st March Make a Gift for Someone Special.

Tuesday 27th March, Easter Celebrations through Art & Craft.

Sessions are held at the school house from 1–3pm.

Places are limited so please look out for the leaflets that your children will be bringing home.

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BEHAVIOUR

Although the behaviour of the majority of pupils at Dean Field is good, I have in my first three weeks had to make a small number of exclusions. This is not something that as a Head, I am comfortable doing but it is something that I stand firmly on.

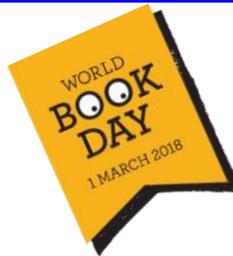
I will only exclude a pupil if there has been a serious breach of the school's behaviour policy for example:

- Physical aggression towards other pupils or members of staff
- Damage to property
- Verbal abuse to staff
- Disobedience and refusal to work
- Actions which persistently disrupt the education of others
- Actions which put the health and safety of the school community at risk

The length of the exclusion would be decided by myself and in relation to the seriousness of the incident.

I am currently updating the school's

behaviour policy—this will be shared with you in due course.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be having a non-uniform day on the 28th February.

Children can wear fancy dress and bring a book in if they want.

We are also doing an extreme reading competition. This means that the children (and staff can join in too) have to take photographs of themselves reading in the most weird and wonderful places they can find. These will need to be sent to school electronically or printed and we will choose a winner who will receive a book, in the following Tuesday (6th) assembly along with green door book people.

To celebrate world book day we will be having a non-uniform day.

Dates for your diary

February

15th - School closes for half term

26th - School re-opens 8.40am

March

1st March - World book day

6th March - Y6 to Blackpool Zoo

Green class of the week

Congratulations to **GREECE** class who won the green trophy last week for the least red doors.

This week our oldest children have won the trophy with only 1 red door. Well done **BRAZIL** class you have worked very hard.

An overall great effort from all classes to keep their red doors low this week. Keep it up!

Miss Booth (SISW)

Period: 5.2.18—9.2.18



	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Above the national average, well done.
	Best chance of success, well done.

Congratulations to Japan class who had the highest attendance in the school last week! Also a big well done to Greece class who came second! These two classes are well above the national average of 96%. All classes below this are closely monitored.

Group	% Attend
Ireland	96.3%
France	91.6%
Greece	98.0%
Egypt	94.8%
Japan	98.7%
Australia	89.5%
Brazil	93.3%
Totals	94.8%

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am. It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/ children's absence so we can mark this correctly when completing the class register. This will avoid any absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks

Lorraine Stansfield
HSLO

Kitchen Menu 1

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Sausage Roll 5,10,12	Chicken Dinner Gravy 10	Fish Fingers	Chicken Nuggets 4,5	Pizza 4,5,10,12
	Cheese Tortellini 5,10,12	Quorn Cottage Pie 10,12	Quorn Sausage 5,10,12	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3,4,5,10,12	Jumbo Fish Fingers 2,5,12
Vegetables	Peas, Corn, Chips	Carrots, Broccoli Roast Potatoes	Cauliflower, Peas, Mashed Potatoes 10	Spaghetti + Wedges 3	Baked Beans Potato Puffs
Sub/ Wrap	Tuna + Cucumber Sub 5,10	Potted Beef Sub 5,10	Ham Sub 5,10	Turkey Sub 5,10	Sub Roll Assortment 2,3,4,5,10,12
Served Every day	Jacket Potato/Sandwiches – Served every day				
Dessert	Creamy Rice Pudding 10	Chocolate + Pear Sponge Custard 5,10,12	Apple Flapjack Custard 5,10	Gingerbread Custard 5,10,12	Cheesecake 5,10
	Chocolate Whip 4,5,10,12	Jelly	Crispy Buns	Strawberry Whip 4,5,10,12	Ice Cream 10
	Biscuits 4,5,10,12	Biscuits 4,5,10,12	Biscuits 4,5,10,12	Biscuits 4,5,10,12	Biscuits 4,5,10,12

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

GOLD BOOK



After the half term holiday our Friday celebration assembly will become our 'Gold Book' assembly. Each class teacher will choose children, as they usually do, to come to the front and receive special 'golden' certificates. As normal parents and family members of children receiving an award will be invited to these assemblies. We hope to see you there!

As you will be aware, prior to me joining Dean Field as Headteacher there were some changes to the weekly timetable. The changes I refer to are an earlier start time (8.40am) and school closing on Fridays at 1.10pm. I am fully supportive of these changes, as it allows our teachers to take their PPA time together and also means that your children have continuity of teaching across the rest of the week.

I do, however, just want to clarify that the provision on a Friday afternoon is considered an 'after school club'. School officially closes on Fridays at 1.10pm and therefore any child who stays at school is attending an 'after school club.' The school is supportive of working parents who are not able to collect children at 1.10pm and therefore have arranged exciting enrichment activities for your children to take part in - if they stay in school. Please be assured that now school starts at 8.40am and lunchtime is 45 minutes, your child is not losing any learning time by not being in school on Friday afternoons.

After School Clubs at Dean Field are accessible to all children who attend the school, however, they are a privilege. Therefore, I must make it very clear that pupils who do not respect the school's behaviour policy may risk losing their place at any after school club; this includes Friday afternoon clubs.

The decision to stop a child from attending after school clubs will only be taken when a severe breach of the school's behaviour policy has taken place and parents will of course be informed of this by myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs F. Pether