



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 20th July 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Another successful year draws to a close. I'm sure for many parents this year may have brought some worries as the school joined the Family of Learning Trust and converted to an academy along with the departure of the head and deputy and some well loved teachers.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their patience over the last few months and I hope that you are now beginning to see the positives that have come from the recent changes made.

So many great things have been accomplished over the last few months and I have listed these on the next page. There is a lot to look forward to and I will be sharing with you our School Improvement Plan for 2018/19 at the start of the next academic year. We will be having a big push on parental engagement and have lots of wonderful plans for parent event days and workshops. We are very much looking forward to working with you for the good of the community.

Sadly on Monday we say goodbye to some of our staff members who are moving on to pastures new. Miss Woodhead leaves us to continue her studies in dance but will be joining us on Friday afternoons to run a dance club for KS1 and 2. Miss Rae is leaving us to begin her teacher training and we wish her well with this. Mr Uttley leaves us to continue his sports and gymnastics coaching. Miss Booth is moving to another school in Calderdale to work more closely with children as a HLTA. Mrs Milnes is sadly leaving us to work in another Calderdale school closer to her home so she can spend more time with her family.

We say goodbye to Mrs Sharp on Monday who is leaving us for a short while as she welcomes her second baby. We wish her the very best for her maternity leave and we are hoping that she will be a regular visitor in school along with her new born!

Monday is also the end of an era. It is the day that sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Evans. Mrs Evans has worked at Dean Field School for 25 years! She has seen many teachers and children come through the doors at Dean Field. On behalf of the governors, staff and parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Evans for her years of service and dedication to the school. Mrs Evans is adored by all the staff and children—the school will not be the same with out her.

I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing break.

We look forward to seeing you all back here in September for the start of a very exciting year here at Dean Field.

Mrs F. Pether
Headteacher

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



Our Successes this year...



- **Seesaw** - 88% parents are connected to their child's learning through Seesaw.
- **Accelerated reader** - pupils are enthused about reading and reading more regularly at home. They are now reading age appropriate texts.
- **Library**—We now have a **library** where all accelerated reader books are stored centrally as well as a range of non-fiction texts.
- We are now having **daily phonics** sessions across EYFS, KS1 and lower KS2 in a number of differentiated groups.
- **Target tracker** - we have a whole school data analysis tool which soon all teachers, not just SLT, will be able to access. This is in line with Beech Hill and leaders/trustees at Beech Hill will also be able to analyse our data to support senior leaders at Dean Field. We now have accurate and transparent data across the whole school.
- We have **stable staffing** and staff with **key roles and responsibilities**. These responsibilities began in the summer term and include SENCo, Curriculum Manager, Arts Lead, Sports and Health Coordinator and Maths lead.
- A revised **creative curriculum** will be introduced in September with a thematic approach to teaching the foundation subjects. This is being developed by Mrs McKnight our Curriculum Coordinator.
- **Specialist teachers** - specialist dance, music and art teachers will be in school once a week next year.
- **MAT support** - Shared working across the trust including shared planning, curriculum resources, peer to peer support is happening on a weekly basis.
- **North Halifax Neighbourhood Awards/West Central Halifax Community Awards** - pupils from year 5 and 6 performed alongside Beech Hill at the North Halifax Neighbourhood Awards. The organisers were so impressed with their performance that they invited us to perform again at the West Central Halifax Community Awards! A fantastic opportunity to showcase the talent of the pupils at Dean Field and the ethos of the Family of Learning Trust!
- **Trip to London** - Mrs Burke has taken some of our year 5 pupils to London along with the year 5 classes from Beech Hill. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and a trip that we would like to do annually moving forwards.
- **Joint residential** with Beech Hill for year 6 planned for January 2019.
- EYFS, Phonics and ks1 **data is improved** from last year.
- We now have 5 **ipads** in each class across the school.
- Provision in **EYFS has been enhanced** and we are putting in a bid to enable us to transform the outdoor provision before the end of the next academic year.
- **Before and After School Club** are moving back down to the house where there are better facilities.
- **Friday Clubs**—Friday clubs are working well and offer children different enriching opportunities. It also allows our teachers to use their PPA time to link up with their year group colleagues at Beech Hill to enable cross-trust collaborative working.
- The **learning environment** is now more organised, tidy and purposeful.

Dates for your diary

July

23rd School closes for Summer—please note that on the last day of term school closes at 1.10pm to enable us to carry out movement of furniture within the school. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

24th July—Training Day (moved from April)

September

School re-opens to pupils on Monday 3rd September at 8.40am.

Gold Book celebration assembly will be at 8.50am in September. Parents will be able to drop their children off and then make their way into the hall to watch their children receive their awards. The assembly should run from 8.50am until around 9.20 am. We hope that parents will find this more convenient than the previous 11am slot.

PARKING ON THE DRIVE

There are still a number of people parking on the school drive on double yellow lines. **THIS IS AGAINST THE LAW**, it also blocks access to the school which is a safeguarding concern. This area is covered by CCTV. All illegal parking will be passed onto the police. Please park safely.



ELECTRIC BOWL **100% ATTENDANCE**

Leo, Ashton, Junior, Jacob, Brook, Jessica, Melissa, Chloe, Amy, Annaliese, Arabella, Vincent, Ellie, Tia, and Evie.

15 children went to Electric Bowl in Halifax with Mrs Stansfield and Mrs Hulme. The children had a fantastic time.

WELL DONE ON COMING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!!

LONDON EYE



7 Children from Y5 had a fabulous day in London with Mrs Burke, Mr Attwood and staff and children from Beech Hill. They went to a show, went on the London Eye which they said was amazing! And also a river cruise, the day was finished off with a meal at Pizza Express.

SUMMER FAYRE

Thankyou to everyone who attended the Summer Fayre, We raised over £750.

Period: 9.7.18—13.7.18

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



Group	% Attend	
Ireland	94.7%	Congratulations to Australia class who had the highest attendance in the school last week! Also well done to France class who came second!
France	96.6%	
Greece	93.3%	I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. We will be having meetings with parents of children who are of concern.
Egypt	94.5%	
Japan	95.3%	If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.
Australia	98.0%	
Totals	95.1%	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

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2018/2119			No. of School Days	
2018 Autumn Term	Re-open	Monday 3 September	70	Training Days Monday 22 October 2018 to (disaggregated) Friday 26 October 2018
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 19 October Monday 5 November		
Christmas	Close	Friday 21 December		
2019 Spring Term	Re-open	Monday 7 January	65	
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 15 February Monday 25 February		
Easter	Close	Friday 12 April		
2019 Summer Term	Re-open	Monday 29 April	55	
May Day	Close	Monday 6 May		
Half Term	Close Re-open	Friday 24 May Monday 3 June		
Midsummer	Close	Monday 22 July		
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