



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 9th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am glad to report that normality has returned to Dean Field after the horrendous weather over the last week. The teachers and pupils have been back to it this week—working hard to make up for the lost days. Thank you for your understanding—it's never easy making the decision to close a school but on reflection given the treacherous conditions and the advice from the LA, I am confident it was the right decision to make.

On Tuesday, we had four local headteachers from North Halifax schools visit Dean Field to carry out an 'external review'. I am very grateful to these headteachers for their kind offer to come into school to see what help and support they could offer us, to assist us with our school improvement initiatives. They observed lessons, spoke with pupils, parents and staff and carried out a book scrutiny. From this, they will generate a report of their findings and how their schools can work with Dean Field to make improvements in order that your children receive the highest standards of education. Once I receive the report I will share some of the findings with you at Parents' Evening next week.

By now you should have received an invitation to next week's parents' evening. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can so please feel free to come and say hello to me!

Finally, I would like to inform you that the Trust has appointed a new Deputy Head for Dean Field. Her name is Holly Vickerstaffe and she will be taking up post after Easter. She has previously worked for the Trust as an Assistant Head at Beech Hill School and we are extremely pleased to have her back on board.

Have a great weekend!

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.
Monday 19th March Make a Gift (this is a change from 1st March which was cancelled due to snow). Sorry this is full.

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.

Dates for your diary

March

14th Parents Evening

29th—M & M Productions in school (The Hobbit)

Thursday 29th March—School closes for Easter

Tuesday 17th April—School re-opens



COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately due to the bad weather and school closing we were unable to go ahead with the coffee morning last week. I would like to rearrange this for next **Friday 18th March at 9am.**

I will also be around during Parents' Evening so if after your appointment you would like to pop and see me you are more than welcome. I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.



Green behaviour

Some children have been putting a huge effort into improving their behaviour over the past two weeks. I would like to say a big WELL DONE to Fabio Y3 and Mellissa Y4 who have impressed us all. We are very proud of you, keep it up!

Miss Booth (SISW)

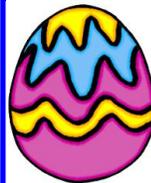
WEATHER

WARNING



School will be open unless you are informed by text message prior to 7.30am. You can also check the school website or Facebook page. Please refrain from ringing the school office to find out if school is open as this blocks the telephone lines. If you do not receive a text school will be open.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION



We will be holding an Easter egg decorating competition throughout school. Your child must use their imagination and artistic skills to create the best Easter egg they can using a hardboiled egg or two.

Entries to be brought into school from the 26th March. (no earlier please)

Winners will be announced in assembly on Wednesday 28th March There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

Get creating and good luck.

Period: 12.2.2018 - 15.2.2018



	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 Brazil class who had the highest attendance in the school last week! Also well done to Egypt class who came second!

Group	% Attend
Ireland	95.0%
France	89.1%
Greece	93.8%
Egypt	96.1%
Japan	95.8%
Australia	85.2%
Brazil	97.4%
Totals	94.8%

I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. We will be having meetings with parents of children who are of concern.

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

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There is no attendance for last week as school was closed from Wednesday lunchtime due to bad weather.

Kitchen Menu 3

β	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Hot Dogs Ketchup 5,8,10	Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding Gravy 5,10	Lincolnshire Sausage 5,8	Chicken Dinner Gravy 10	Pizza 4,5,10,12
	Spinach Ricotta 5,10,12	Cheese & Onion Pie 4,5,10,12	Fuseli Pasta Tomato Sauce Cheese Topping 5,10	Quorn Curry Rice	Fish Fingers 2,5
Vegetables	Beans/Corn Herbys 5	Carrots/Broccoli Mashed Potatoes 10	Spaghetti/ Wedges 5	Cauliflower Diced Carrots Roast Potatoes	Beans & Chip
Sub/ Wrap	Beef & Red Onion Sub 4,5,10	Cheese Mayo Sub 4,5,10,12	Egg Mayo Sub 4,10,12	Tuna Mayo Sub 2,3,10,12	Sub Roll Assortment 2,3,4,5,10,12
Served Every day	Jacket Potato/Sandwiches – Served every day				
Dessert	Rice Pudding 10	Chocolate Sponge 5,12 Custard 10	Lemon Sponge 5,10 Custard 12	Apple & Blackberry Pie Custard 10	Cup Cakes Cold Selection 10,12
	Strawberry Whip 4,5,10,12	Jelly	Crispy Buns 10	Chocolate Whip 4,5,10,12	Ice Cream 10
	Biscuits 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Biscuits 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Biscuits 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Biscuits 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Biscuits 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



GOLD BOOK



Class	Name	Reason
<u>Reception</u>	Amelia Archie	Amazing independent writing and improved letter formation. Excellent recall of number bonds to 10 and 20 in maths.
<u>Year 1</u>	Latisha Riley	Huge improvement in reading and concentration in class. Outstanding effort on World Maths Day.
<u>Year 2</u>	Regan Corey	Much improved presentation in English and for gaining independence. Excellent engagement in our world Maths Day activity.
<u>Year 3</u>	Layton Oliver	For a super attitude during World Maths Day. For fantastic factual writing about Tobago.
<u>Year 4</u>	Annemarie Nial	Consistently producing amazing writing day in day out. For his effort and enthusiasm during World Maths Day.
<u>Year 5</u>	Jaiden Olivia	A huge improvement in attitude to learning and efforts in maths. For perseverance in maths.
<u>Year 6</u>	Jude Joseph	Excellent scores during World Maths Day. Excellent scores during World Maths Day.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Thank you to all who took part in World Book Day this year despite the weather. Although it was cut short, we were really impressed with the creative costume ideas from both children and staff! This made it incredibly difficult to choose winners however class teachers did choose 1 child each who's costume stole the show. Here is a picture of all our winners.

We are pleased to announce that our winners of the extreme reading competition are Amy Robertshaw and Chloe Robertshaw who will receive a book as the prize.



We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Clay and Miss Hussain for organising the World Book Day.