



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 3rd May 2019

A warm welcome back from the Easter break to all our Dean Field families.

Uniform

It's been a great start to the term this week and I have to say how smart all the children are looking. A big thank you to our parents for sending their children to school looking so smart in the correct uniform—it really does set the right standard for what we are trying to achieve and many visitors comment on this when visiting Dean Field or when our children are out and about in the community.

Tests

Although this is a very short half term, it's an extremely crucial half term for the school. Year 6 will be taking their end of year statutory assessments (SATs) the week beginning 13th May. Year 2 will be taking their SATs in the last week before we break up for half term and of course year 1 will continue to prepare for their Phonics Screening Test which will take place after half term, during the week beginning 10th June. Tests can be very stressful for children and we will do all that we can to keep the children involved as calm as possible. As a school we recognise the results of these tests are very important, however, the welfare of our children comes first.

Welcome back!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Sharp back to Dean Field. Mrs Sharp has returned from her maternity leave and will be taking over from Mrs Redfearn in year 4 until the end of the year.

Attendance

One final note from me this week. We are trying extremely hard to keep our attendance above 97% and I'd like to thank the many families who support us with this. We have around 50 children who have 100% attendance for the year so far— which is amazing! However, we do seem to have a lot of children who are regularly off school and this is beginning to effect our overall percentage. Mrs Stansfield contacts parents of children who are off via a phone call or text but we will be making home visits more regularly now to those children who are classed as persistent absentees to ensure all children are accessing the high quality education on offer here at Dean Field. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Staff Training

Our teachers have taken part in over two and a half hours of training after school this week. Some of this is disaggregated time that our teachers have to complete to make up for the training days that are taken as our additional week in October.

Session 1—our teachers worked with a local counsellor/therapist on techniques to manage their workload better and be more productive with their time. The teachers all found this very useful.

Session 2—Miss Lopuszniak our Science Coordinator delivered a great session looking at assessment in Science. We are beginning this term to use our online assessment platform Target Tracker to make assessments in Science.

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Dates for your diary



May

Monday 6th May—school closed for May Day

Wednesday 8th May—Parents learning walk

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May Y6 SATs

Wednesday 15th May—Y5 Trip to Yorkshire Water treatment

Wednesday 22nd May—Summer Bulb planting (see Family Learning Sessions opposite)

Thursday 23rd May—Y1 Trip to Ogden Water

Friday 24th May—school closes for 1/2 term

June

Monday 3rd June—School opens

Wednesday 26th June—Y5 Trip to London

Wednesday 26th June—Y3 Trip to Science Museum

July

Thursday 4th July Summer Fayre

July—PLEASE READ!

Friday 19th July—School closes at 3pm. Parents of children who usually attend Friday afternoon clubs may collect at 1.10pm but we will still run clubs for those children who want to stay. There will be no DFD on this last day.

Please note that our closing date has changed. We previously stated that school would close on Monday 22nd July as this was the date that had been set by the local authority, when we were a local authority school. Now that we are an academy we are free to set our own term dates. Due to poor attendance on the last two days of term last year, we have made the decision to close on Friday to protect our attendance figures.

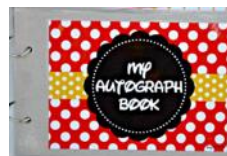
PLEASE NOTE KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM E.G SPORTS DAY, REPORTS, TRANSITION DAY ETC WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.

FAMILY LEARNING SESSIONS



Wednesday 22nd May - Summer bulbs/planting (Booking required, places are limited).

Tuesday 11th June - Y6 Family Learning (Design and make a t-shirt and autograph book - end of year celebration). (Booking required, places are limited).



Bookings forms will be sent out nearer the time.

Y3 Roman Workshop

On Monday we spent the day at Beech Hill School and took part in a Roman workshop. We loved hearing all about the Roman Empire and how it spread across the world. We were really lucky because we got the chance to look at real Roman artefacts and learn how Roman men and women used them in their daily lives. We also practised marching and charging like Romans did in battle. We did this with other year 3 children from Beech Hill. We had a fantastic day!



SAFEGUARDING

STRANGER DANGER

As the lighter nights and warmer days are approaching children enjoy the outdoors more..

Please speak with your children about the following:-

YELL & TELL

Don't be afraid to say "**NO**" to a stranger
If a stranger makes you feel unsafe, Always **YELL & TELL**

Yell "**HELP**" or "**I DON'T KNOW YOU**" to get someone's attention then tell someone you trust what has happened.

Playground Developments

We are pleased to inform you that we have got some exciting development plans for our outdoor areas. The EYFS outdoor area will be having some new equipment and learning resources that will be installed over the Spring Bank holiday. The equipment includes a new sandpit, water wall and climbing frame.



Please can you ensure that when dropping off and collecting children that you are using the curved pathway around the EYFS area, rather than cutting through the grassed archway. This is for your own safety but also to ensure that our new equipment and garden area will not be damaged. Our main Key Stage 2 playground will have a 'Mile Run' track, a blank 100 square and World Map that can be used to enhance our lessons.

Miss Holly Vickerstaffe

Y2 Trip To Shibden Park



On Tuesday the children in Year 2 visited Shibden Park for the morning where lots of learning took place. We talked lots about plants which links to our Science topic, man-made vs natural features which links with the Year 2 Geography curriculum and we even talked about 3D shapes in the play park bringing Maths into it!

We finished off the morning by doing some drawing of what we could see. It was a lovely trip and will really help the children with their writing in class!



Period: 29.4.19—3.5.19

Group	% Attend
Mexico	93.6%
China	95.8%
Poland	97.8%
Kenya	92.0%
India	94.0%
USA	95.0%
Ireland	98.0%
Totals	95.1%

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Also well done to Poland class who came second!

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. This becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for absence. 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
Loraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager





CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



GOLD BOOK



MEXICO RECEPTION	Sofie	For coming back to school and being ready to work. She is trying hard in everything, not just maths but phonics too!
	Lilly-Ann	For making brilliant progress in phonics this week! Well done, Lilly-Ann! Keep it up!
CHINA YEAR 1	Maisy	For super repeated addition in Maths this week.
	Kylan	For much improved ZPD scores, moving from 40% and 60% when he started to 80% and 100% this week.
POLAND YEAR 2	Chelsie	For doubling her score in her Arithmetic test
	Cade	For amazing effort and improvement in English
KENYA YEAR 3	Sophia	For putting 100% effort into her English work
	Arabella	For always having neatly presented work and for being on all round Superstar!
INDIA YEAR 4	Amanda	Being such an enthusiastic learner in all lessons especially maths.
	Dainton	Trying really hard in maths and contributing really well.
USA YEAR 5	Brodie	'Always' child. Always puts 100% into everything she does.
	Kyle	For trying really hard in maths and making progress.
IRELAND Y6	Charlie & Mellor	For showing a fantastic attitude to learning within the classroom

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Hot dogs 5.8	Braising Steak in gravy 5.10	Fish Fingers 2.5	Turkey and Gravy 5.10	Pizza 4.5.10.12
	Quorn hot dogs sausages 5	Quorn cottage pie 10.12	Tomato Pasta 2.5	Vegi Broth and Bread Roll 5	Kidney bean curry and naan bread 5
Vegetables	Spaghetti Plain Wedges 5	Carrots/ Broccoli Mash 10	Peas/ Corn Spicy Wedges 5	Mix veg cauliflower Roast 5	Beans Chips
Sub/ Wrap	Tuna cucumber sub 5.10	Potted Beef subs 5.10	Cheese and Onion subs 5.10	Ham Subs 5	Assortment of subs 2.3.4.5.10.12
Served Every day	Jacket Potato Sandwiches				
Dessert	Chocolate sponge and custard 5.10.12	Cheesecake 5.10	Bakewell Tart and custard 5.10.12	Marble sponge and custard 5.10.12	Ice cream 10
	Strawberry Whip 4.5.10.12	Jelly	Crispy Buns 10	Chocolate whip 4.5.10.12	Parkin 5.12
	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 Biscuits 4,5,10,12