



DEAN FIELD NEWS



Friday 17th April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I want to say again just how proud I am of the whole Dean Field community. I have been so impressed with how many children have still engaged with the work set for them on Seesaw and indeed with other home learning over the Easter period. I think we will all look back on this time and have things that we have achieved or are proud of that are not necessarily academic and so I appreciate those of you who needed that break away from learning. I am trying to encourage my daughter to become more independent and take more risks. We have just taken the stabilisers off her bike this week and she is trying to master riding a bike on her own! This is something, I am so grateful we have this time to do with her.

I am really pleased to see how many children are still reading lots and taking quizzes on Accelerated Reader. If this is something you have wanted to do but are just not sure how to do it then please send your child's class teacher a message on Seesaw and they will be more than happy to help you.

Home Learning

As of Monday, the Easter holidays are officially over and we do ask that you encourage your children as much as possible to engage with some learning. Whether this is on Seesaw or other bits of home learning they are doing - every little helps! If you would like another work pack so your child/ren can complete some written work then the teachers would be more than happy to organise this for you.

We do not know when schools will be asked to reopen but I am still very hopeful that this will be before the end of the academic year and so myself and the teachers are beginning to think about what needs to be put into place before this can happen and planning for those first few days in school.

FSM vouchers

A big thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mrs Robinson who have battled with the online system to ensure our FSM families receive their vouchers. This is a very temperamental system and so if any families have not received their vouchers please give the school office a ring on Mondays and Fridays to speak with Mrs Robinson.

Finally, as today as is the last day of the Easter holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs Sharp our year 1 teacher. Mrs Sharp is leaving Dean Field to take up a class teaching post at a school in Bradford. We wish Mrs Sharp the very best in her new role. We welcome Mrs Thornton back to Dean Field to take up the post of year 1 teacher for the summer term.

I would also like to wish Miss King our admin assistant well as she 'officially' starts her maternity leave.

Stay safe. Stay home.

Mrs Pether

Pastor Doug

At Hope church this week, we've been thinking a lot about asking for help.

While these past weeks under lockdown have obviously been a hard and trying time, there have been encouragements as well. I don't know about you, but I have been particularly encouraged to see people come together and help each other. I have seen people dropping off care packages and even flowers on door steps; text messages and phone calls are being exchanged between neighbours as we check in on each other. Friends and neighbours are offering to pick things up at the shops for each other, to save people queuing for a pint of milk. We all need help sometimes.

But where do we go for help with things that our neighbours can't help us with? Or what if we don't have people around us who want to help us? Well at Hope church we have been thinking a lot about the help that Jesus offers us. On the cross Jesus defeated death. He has sorted out our biggest problem! Everything else is easy in comparison, and so he can deal with any and every problem that we have. What do we have to do to get his help? All we have to do is ask. We don't have to be good enough, we just have to trust him and ask for his help. We call this prayer. Our prayers don't need to be long and complicated, they can be as simple as "Jesus, help me!".

Whatever you are going through there is help for you in Jesus! Why don't you try asking him?

Take care everyone!

Pastor Doug.

Ideas for Home Learning



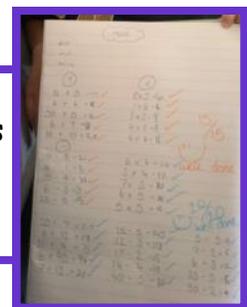
All the staff at Dean Field have been overwhelmed with all of the fantastic learning that has been going on. Lots of families have adapted Seesaw activities and also created lots of other fun learning opportunities, thank you for sharing! Here are some of them below, please feel free to steal those ideas and keep sharing them to support other families with their home learning.



Drawing.

Supports Art, PSED and Physical Development.

Recording in Maths. Supports Maths, Handwriting and Structure/Routine



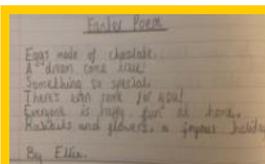
Small World Play.

Supports Imagination, Communication, PSED, Geography, Science.



Outdoor Sport.

Supports PSED, Physical Development, Science and Understanding Rules.



Poetry

Supports Writing, Reading, Handwriting, Art.

Sensory Play: Bubble bath, water & Food Colouring

Supports Science, PSED, Imagination. Can be adapted to different subjects by adding paintbrushes to write or small toys to count.



School Closure Update

School will continue to be closed to the majority of pupils and will only reopen upon instruction from the government when the scientists deem it is safe to do so. Please continue to follow the current guidelines and stay at home as much as possible.

Here are four quotes families can say together each day to help boost well-being...

1. I cherish the extra time I get with my family and I am excited about creating more happy, unforgettable memories.
2. I focus on opportunities over obstacles.
3. I was created to blossom in my natural gifts and talents.
4. I love my body for all the things it is able to do.



SAFEGUARDING

Coronavirus: advice and support for parents and carers Source: NSPCC Date: 01 April 2020

The NSPCC has created an online Hub providing advice and support for parents and carers during the coronavirus outbreak. Content includes: information on keeping children safe from abuse; tips and advice to help parents working from home; and ways to talk to a child who is anxious or worried about coronavirus.

Visit the Hub: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice and support for parents and carers](#)

Coronavirus: tips to cope during lockdown Source: Childline Date: 01 April 2020

Childline has updated its [Coronavirus webpage](#) to include tips for children and young people on coping at home during lockdown. Advice includes: keeping in touch with friends online and talking to people at home; staying busy with things like schoolwork or hobbies; and speaking to a trusted adult or parent if they need support.



UNCRC Article: 18, 19, 20, 27, 34, 36

Whilst you are learning at home, remember we as a school are only a phone call away from any safeguarding concerns you may have. You can message any of our safeguarding team on Seesaw or contact Miss Stansfield directly on 07875175528.

Remember we will be out and about in the community on the bus so look out for us.

Accelerated Reader Results



The winner is.....

China **Brazil**

Group	% Score
China Y1	100%
Brazil Y4	100%
Poland Y2	98%
Kenya Y3	95%
Ireland Y6	80%
USE Y5	75%

Well done to everyone who took part! We can't wait to see who wins next week.

Time Table Rock Stars!

The class winners this week are...

Group	TTRS Winner
Poland Y2	Miley
Kenya Y3	Jessica C
Brazil Y4	Jessica M
USA Y4	Amanda
Ireland Y6	Chanelle

Well done to everyone who took part! We can't wait to see who wins next week.



Dean Field's Stay at Home Sports Superstars



Well done to everyone who took part and uploaded a sport this week. All the children, families and staff have had so much fun observing them all, you are so talented! Mr Attwood, our sports and health coordinator, and Miss Jagger, our student teacher, have chosen a winner from each class...

Antarctica	Mexico	China	Poland	Kenya	Brazil	USA	Ireland
Leila	Rory	Lucas	Leo	Abigail	Kaine	Cobi	Melissa
Ball Dribbling	Fitness	Skipping	Rugby	Dance & Basketball	Kick-ups	Kick-ups	Fitness

Anybody that took part...you will receive a special message from a famous sports star!

This Weeks Attendance

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance on Seesaw this week. Also well done to China class who came second!



Group	% Attendance
Antarctica	15.6%
Mexico	20.8%
China	27%
Poland	25%
Kenya	19%
Brazil	18%
USA	33%
Ireland	10%

If you have taken part in 'non Seesaw learning' this has also been counted as engagement.

Please ensure you are taking part in learning each day but remember learning can be done through play, conversations, outside in a safe space and in the kitchen making something too. Please share these ideas onto Seesaw so we can see you're engaging and we can share ideas with one another.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's engagement please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher for support.

We are aware it is the 'Easter holiday' time but we still wanted to share the great efforts of your attendance throughout these times, well done for keeping busy Dean Field!



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



GOLD BOOK



ANTARCTICA NURSERY	Leila	For doing lots of 'non-Seesaw' home learning this week and at the weekend.
	Drake	For doing lots of Seesaw activities this week.
MEXICO RECEPTION	Blakley	For working hard with his mum to complete lots of Seesaw and 'non-Seesaw' learning.
	Stevie-Lea	For completing lots of Seesaw activities during the Easter holidays.
CHINA YEAR 1	All of Year 1!	For being an amazing class to teach this year!
POLAND YEAR 2	Annie	For posting such a variety of home learning on Seesaw.
	Ashton	For being such a whizz at his spellings!
KENYA YEAR 3	Alicia	For being an Accelerated Reader superstar!
	Abigail	For being so enthusiastic with all of the Seesaw activities.
BRAZIL YEAR 4	Kaine	For his determination with the Seesaw activities.
	Finlay	For fantastic creative writing on Seesaw this week.
USA Y5	Shelby	For her great enthusiasm during this week's Seesaw activities.
	Cobi	For his dedication and consistency on Seesaw.
IRELAND Y6	Sam	For accessing Seesaw every day even though it is the holidays!
	Riley	For being a supportive big brother whilst competing in a competition.

Staff Training

All of Dean Field's staff members are currently working hard on their Continued Professional Development. They have been given 5 essential courses to complete, which equal in them achieving a certificate, and a section of reading on Special Educational Needs.

Parent/Carer Training Courses

If you are interested in taking part in some free courses then there are lots of sites out there you can access. Here is one we found which may be useful to you. There are lots of others on the site too.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/education/educational-technology-and-practice/educational-practice/parents-partners/content-section-0?active-tab=content-tab>